

Next Week: The Past Ten Years.
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LIBRARIAN'S 1957 ANNUAL REPORT

In her Annual Report for 1957 Mrs. Minnie Fignie, librarian of the Duxbury Free Library, includes a survey of what has taken place in the library during the past five years.

In 1958, the first full year of the present librarian's administration, 33,690 books were circulated, the largest number ever recorded up to that date. In 1957 the total circulation was 52,692, a gain of 13,997. This 1957 circulation is a gain of 1063 over that of 1956 and the largest on record so far. This circulation is about equally divided between senior and junior borrowers. Based on a population of approximately 4500, over 52,692, circulation figures give the library an 11 per capita circulation. The American Library Association considers a 5 per capita circulation satisfactory.

At the end of 1957, 1956 citizens had become borrowers. On Dec. 31, 1957, 653 registrations had been recorded. 550 registration cards were filled out in 1957. Of these, 296 were new borrowers, the others were re-registrants whose cards had expired after their 4-year term.

Only 1958 books were added, not nearly so many as needed, but at least a fair budget would buy.

The committee should enable Duxbury to find out how the library is developing and of how important it is to the service which it offers.

A slow growth which can be sustained and extended if given adequate support by all who are interested in Duxbury's maintaining a modern, up-to-date and efficient public library.

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